



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:  
WP-16J

July 9, 2021

Christine Alexander  
Manager, Permits Section  
Water Resources Division  
Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy  
505 West Allegan  
P.O. Box 30473  
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Re: Review of NPDES Permit, DTE-Monroe Plant, Monroe, Michigan (MI0001848)

Dear Ms. Alexander:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the pre-public notice draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit, fact sheet, and supporting documents for the DTE-Monroe Plant, that were submitted to EPA on May 27, 2021. Based on our review to date, EPA does not currently intend to object. The intention is based on the understanding that Michigan will address the comments identified in Enclosure A as "required changes" to the public notice and permit and encourage you to address the balance of the comments therein. Additionally, our position could change if any of the following occurs:

- a. Prior to the actual date of issuance of a proposed permit, an effluent guideline or standard is promulgated which is applicable to the permit and which would require revision or modification of a limitation or condition set forth in the draft permit;
- b. A variance is granted and the permit is modified to incorporate the results of that variance;
- c. There are additional revisions to be incorporated into the permit which have not been agreed to by EPA; or
- d. EPA learns of new information, including as the result of public comments, that causes EPA to reconsider its position.

Subject to the above conditions, the permit may be issued in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement and pursuant to the Clean Water Act.

When the proposed permit is prepared, please forward one copy and any significant comments received during any public notice period to this office [r5NPDES.gov](mailto:r5NPDES.gov). Please include the permittee name and permit number in the Subject line and cc: [Ackerman.Mark@epa.gov](mailto:Ackerman.Mark@epa.gov), and [Rosenberg.Kathryn@epa.gov](mailto:Rosenberg.Kathryn@epa.gov). If you have any technical questions related to EPA's review,

please contact Mark Ackerman at 312-353-4145 or [Ackerman.Mark@epa.gov](mailto:Ackerman.Mark@epa.gov), and Kathryn Rosenberg at 312-886-6774 or [Rosenberg.Kathryn@epa.gov](mailto:Rosenberg.Kathryn@epa.gov).

Thank you for your cooperation during the review process and your thoughtful consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

<sup>for</sup> Stephen M. Jann  
Chief, Permits Branch  
Water Division

Enclosure

cc: Christine Aiello, [AIELLOC@michigan.gov](mailto:AIELLOC@michigan.gov)